

HOUSE BILL NO. 1246

Introduced by

Representatives Christianson, Bahl, Hendrix, Vetter, Dockter

Senators Barta, Cory

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 11-19.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to individuals authorized to act in the absence of a coroner.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-19.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **11-19.1-06. Individuals authorized to act in absence of coroner.**

7 In those counties in which a coroner does not reside or is not available, the duties of a
8 coroner must be performed by the sheriff, ~~the~~ state highway patrol, or any special agent of the
9 bureau of criminal investigation. The sheriff, ~~the~~ state highway patrol, or special agent shall call
10 upon ~~the nearest~~ a coroner or deputy coroner from ~~an adjacent~~ another county to investigate the
11 medical cause of death of all coroner cases within ~~said~~ the county. In those situations in which,
12 because of distance or adverse conditions, a coroner is not available, the sheriff, ~~the~~ state
13 highway patrol, or special agent shall request the state forensic examiner or the forensic
14 examiner's designee to investigate and certify as to the medical cause of death.